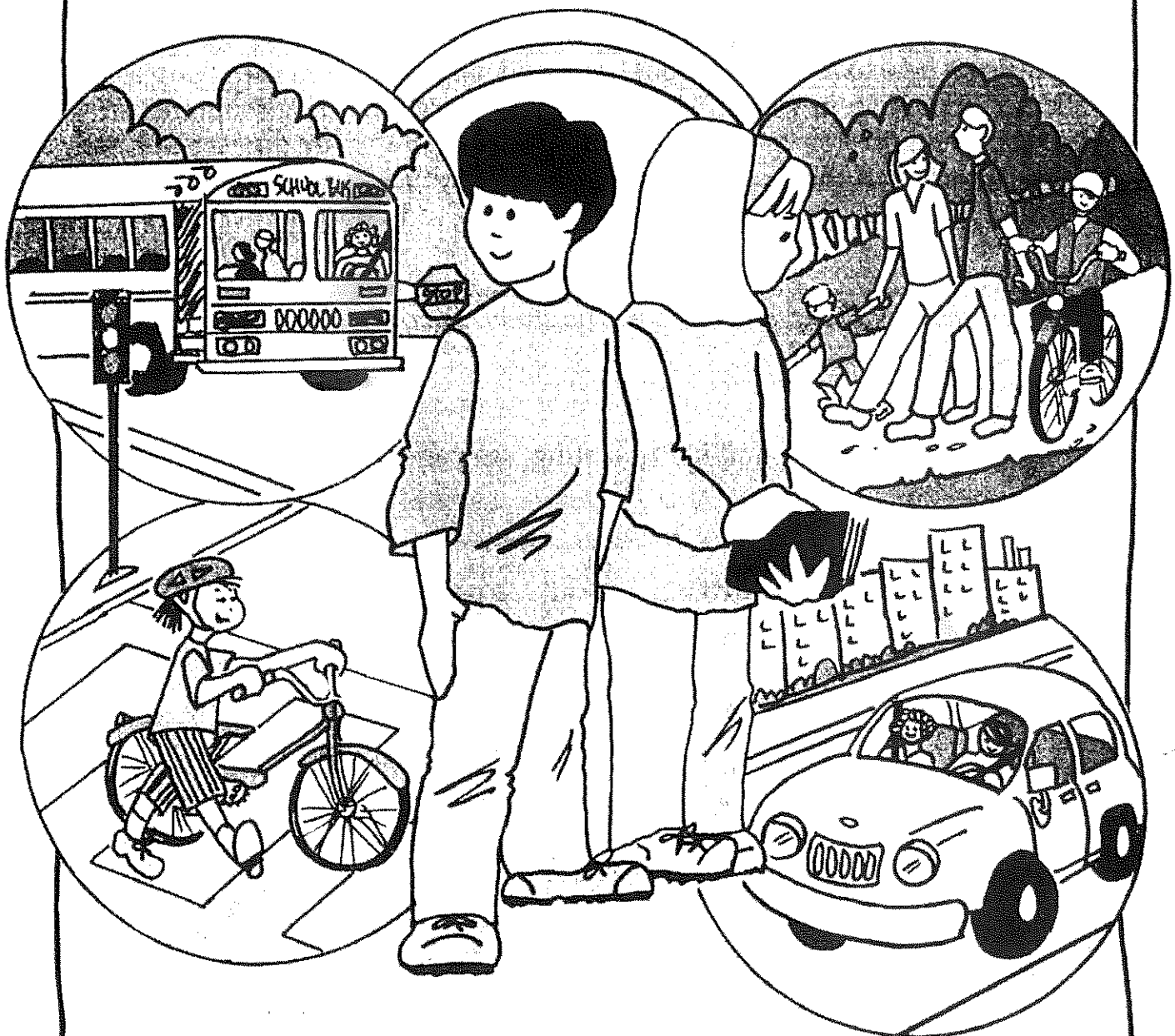


Getting There Safely

by foot, by bike, by bus, by car



**A traffic safety booklet for young persons
(and grown-ups)**

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Introduction

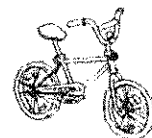
In order for us to arrive at our destination safely, it's important for all of us – pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, truck and bus drivers – to know how to share the road safely. We're all part of the transportation system. Sadly, each year, thousands of people are injured in traffic crashes in our state. Many of these could have been prevented if everyone followed the traffic laws and was courteous and respectful of others.

The purpose of this book is to provide traffic safety tips to young persons and grown-ups. The activities in this booklet should help you to be more aware when walking and biking in traffic. There are tips for you as you get on and off a school bus, and tips for you to share with grown-ups who are driving cars and trucks. Throughout this booklet, you will find out that bicycling and walking are healthy choices – healthy for you, your family and for the environment.

For tips about walking and crossing the street, see pages 3-6, 8



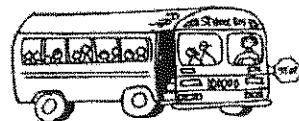
For tips about bicycling and inline skating, see pages 7-10



For tips about riding and driving in a car, see pages 6, 11-12



For tips about the school bus, see pages 12-13



For things to do with grown-ups, see pages 15-16

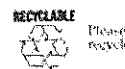


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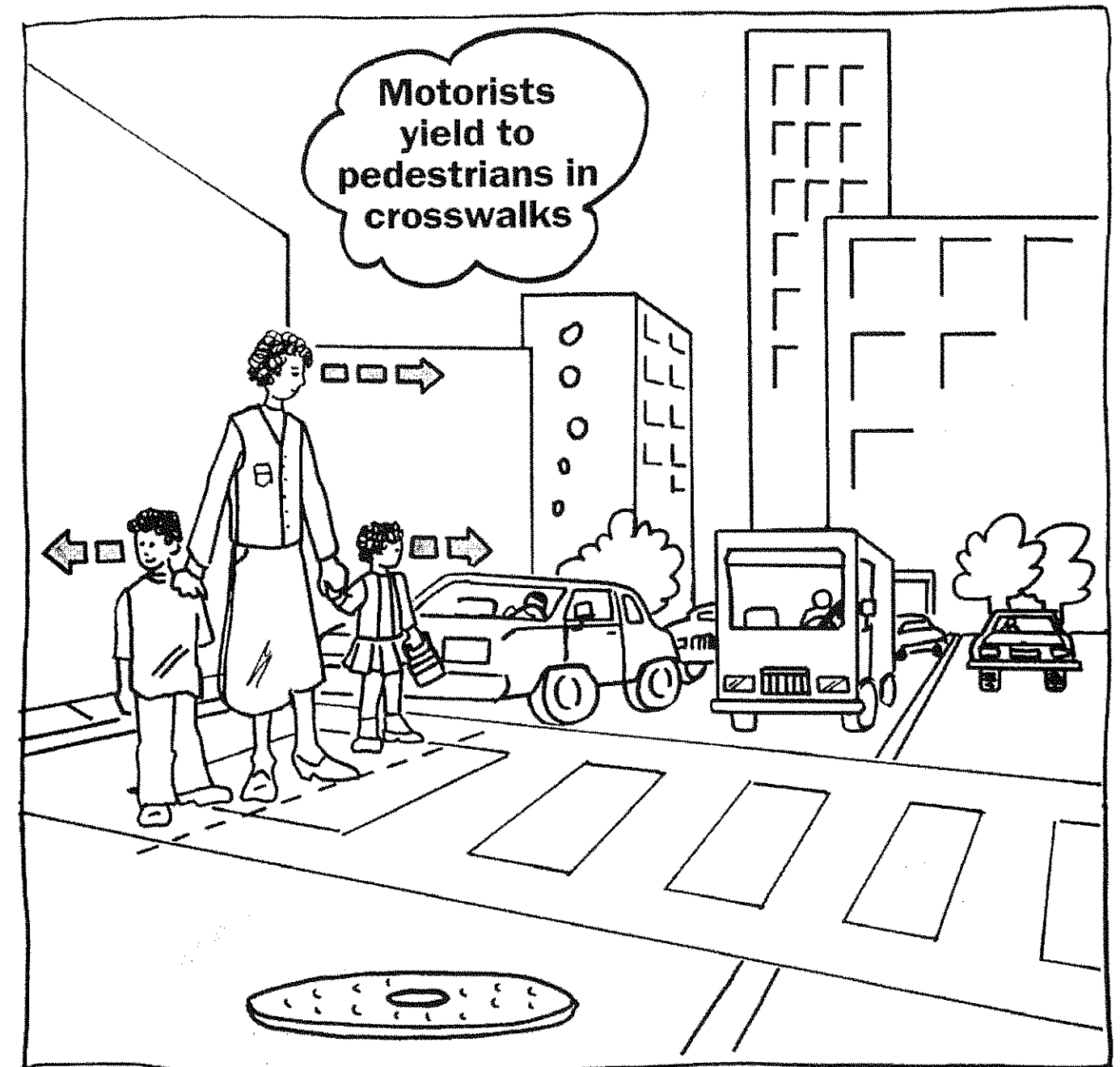
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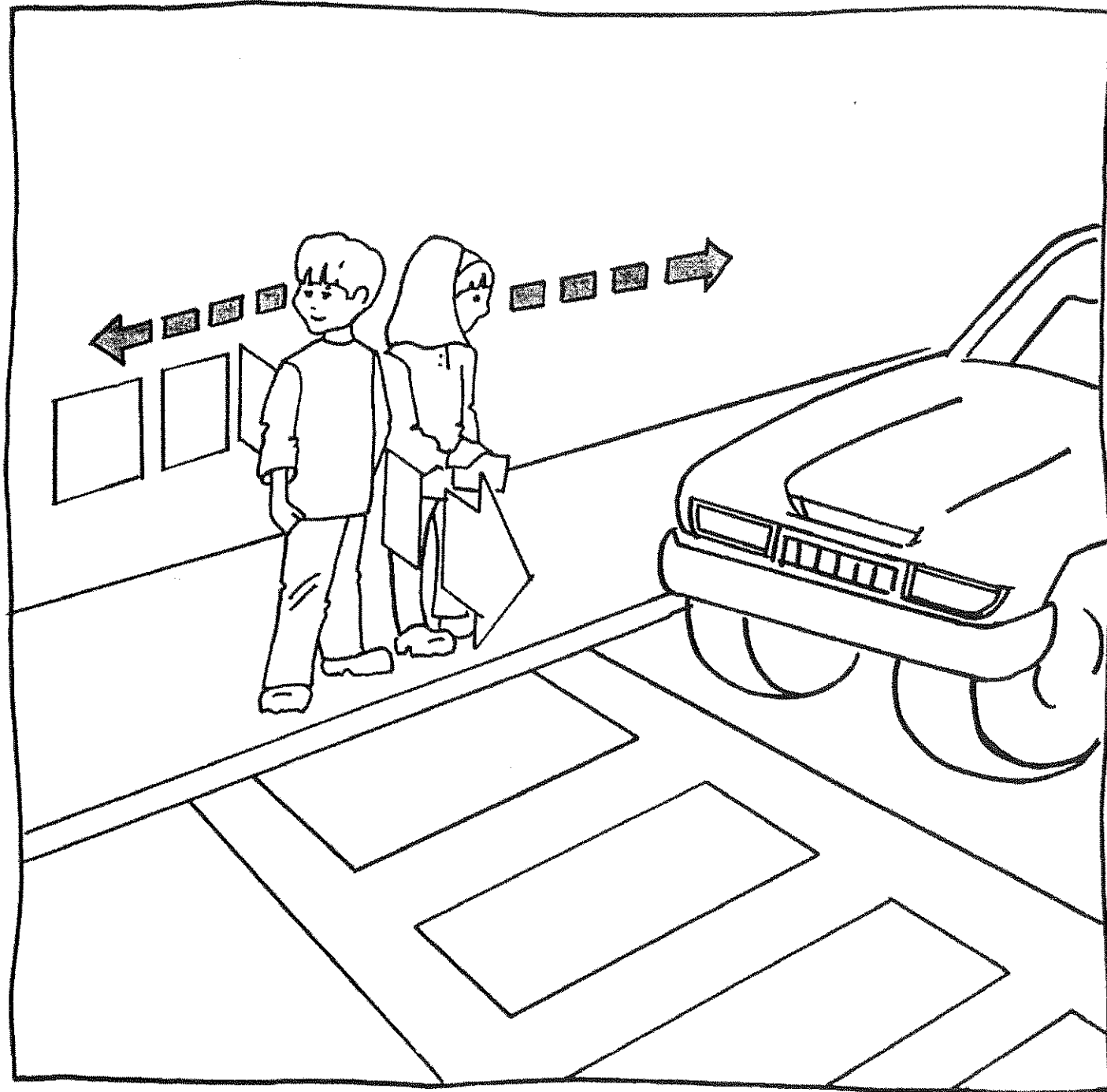


Always use a crosswalk.



**Always cross the street in the crosswalk.
Before crossing, STOP where you can see
everything. Look left-right-left.**

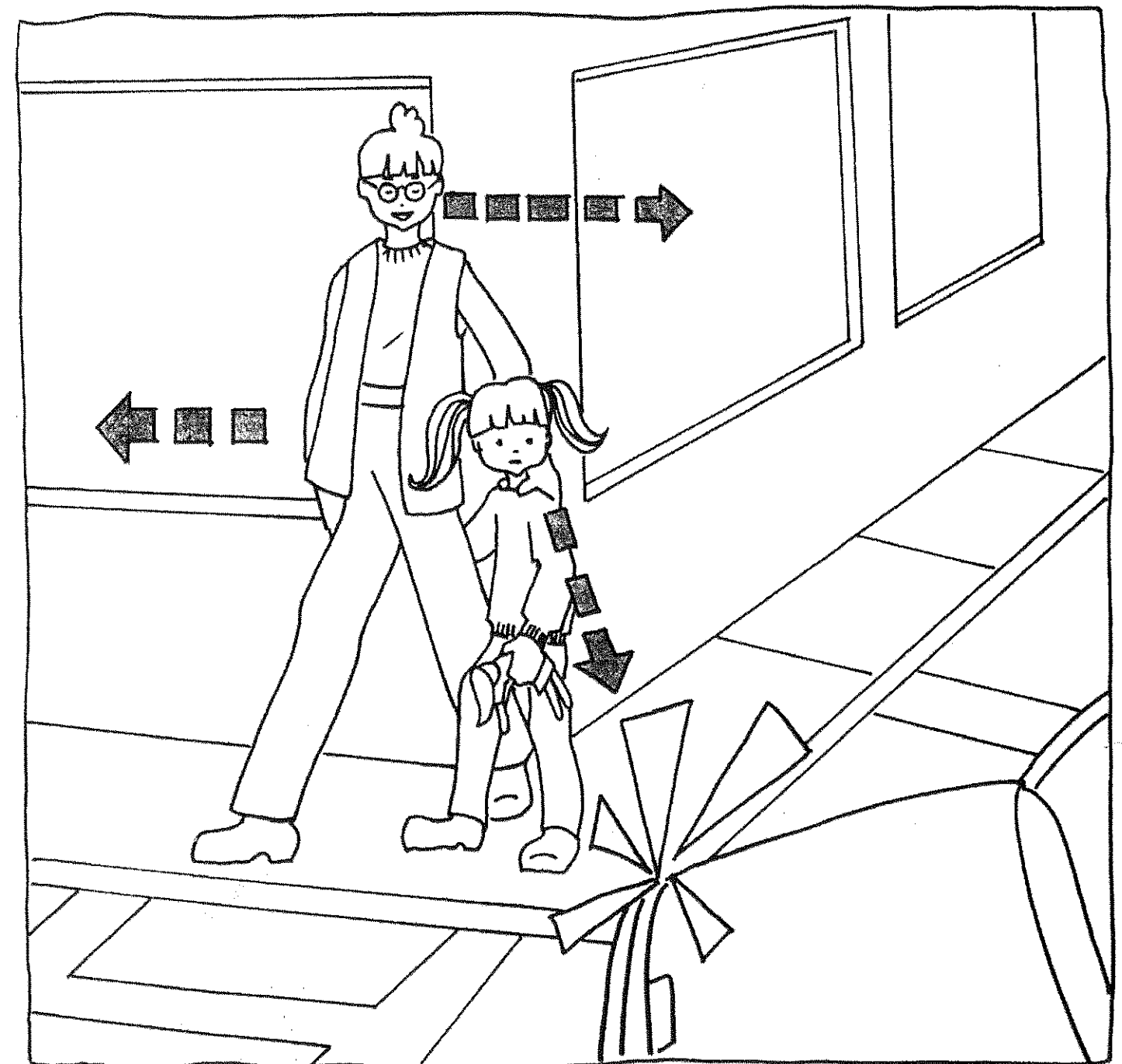
Look left-right-left.



Before you cross, **STOP!** Look both ways for cars. At the edge of the parked cars, **STOP AGAIN!!!** Look left-right-left before stepping out into the street.

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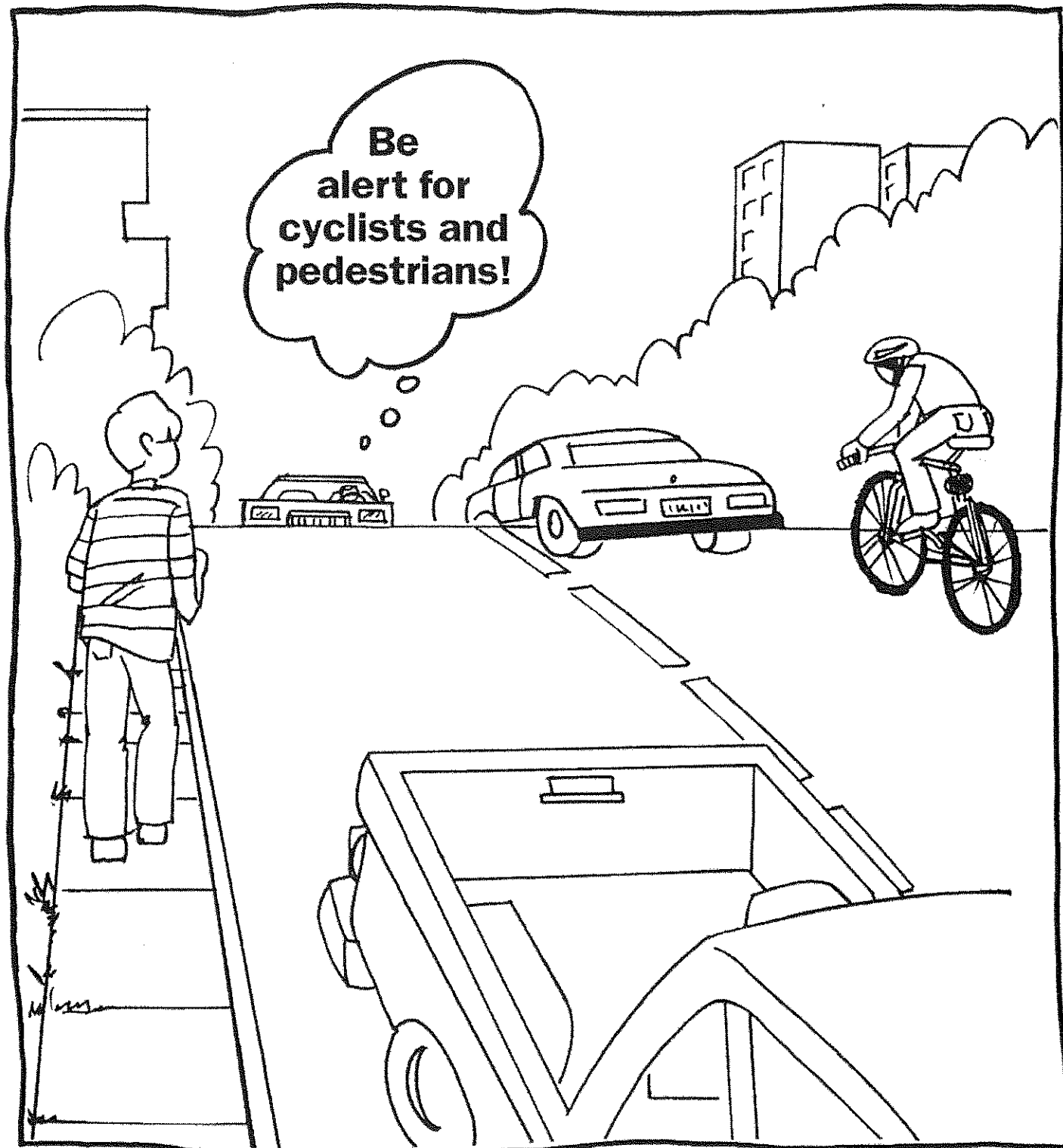
Be careful at intersections.



Watch for cars turning the corners. Make sure the driver sees you!!!

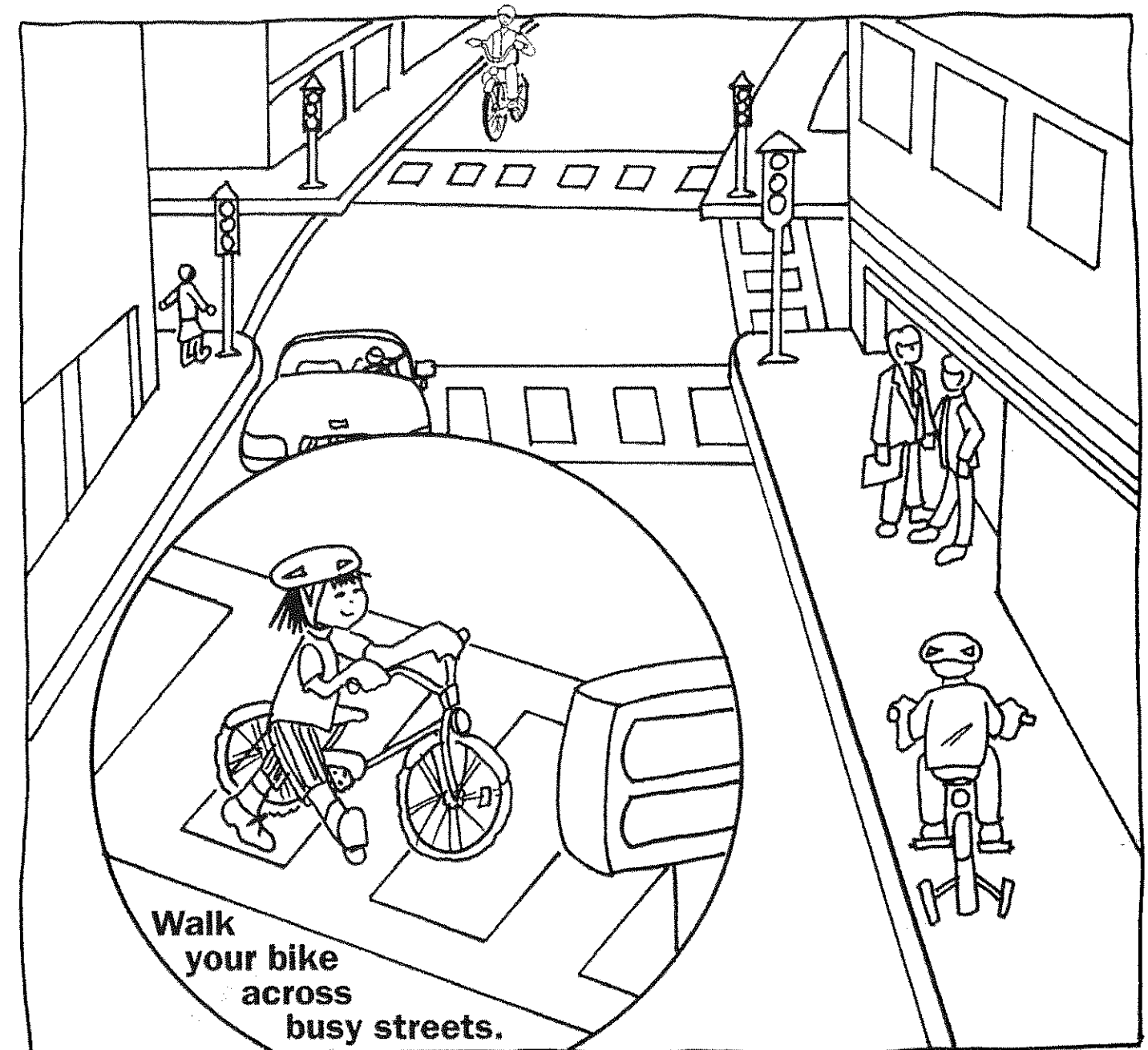
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Walk facing traffic.



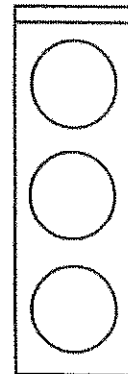
- 6** Always walk on the sidewalk.
If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

Always ride on the right side of the street.



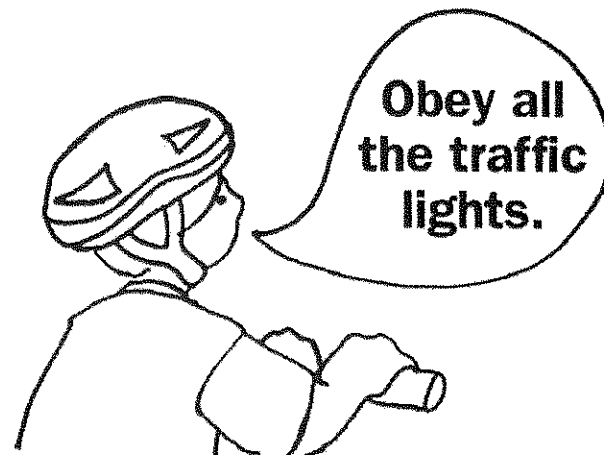
When you bike on the road, travel on the right side, just like the cars. Younger cyclists may stay on the sidewalk with adult supervision until they are skilled at sharing the road with cars. Faster bicyclists are safer in the bike part of the street

Obey the rules of the road.



- Steady Red: STOP
- Flashing Red: STOP, go when safe
- Steady Yellow: WARNING
- Flashing Yellow: SLOW DOWN
- Steady Green: GO
- Green Arrow: Go this way only!

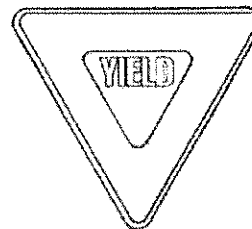
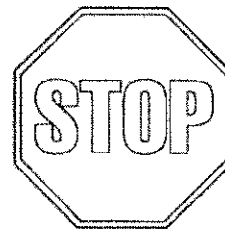
Color the signals.



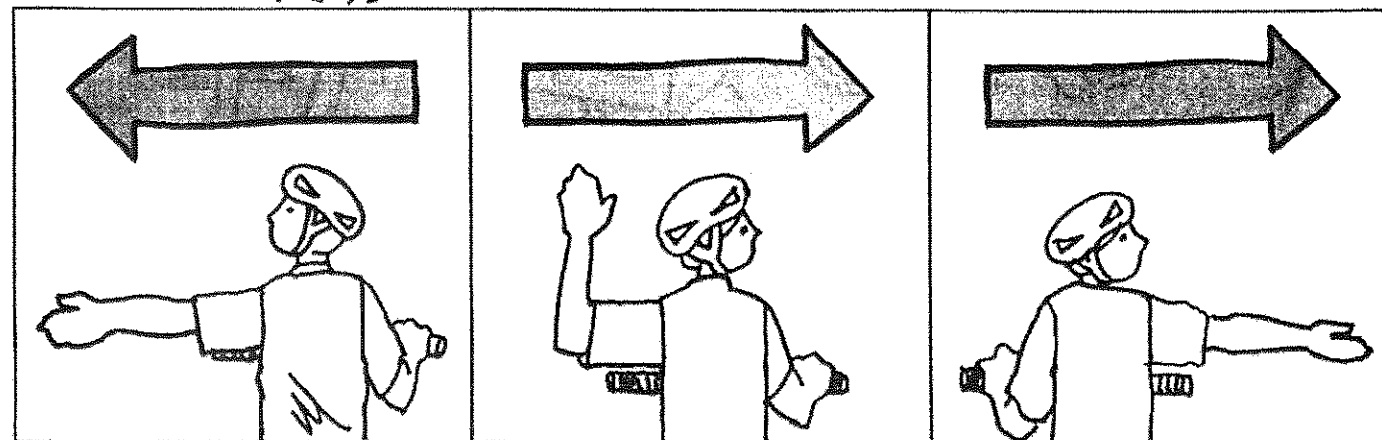
Pedestrian Crossing Signals



DON'T WALK – Steady red. Do not leave curb. **WALK.** Begin search. Look left and right and left again. Leave the curb when safe.



Color the signs red.



8 Always look behind you for traffic before making any turns.

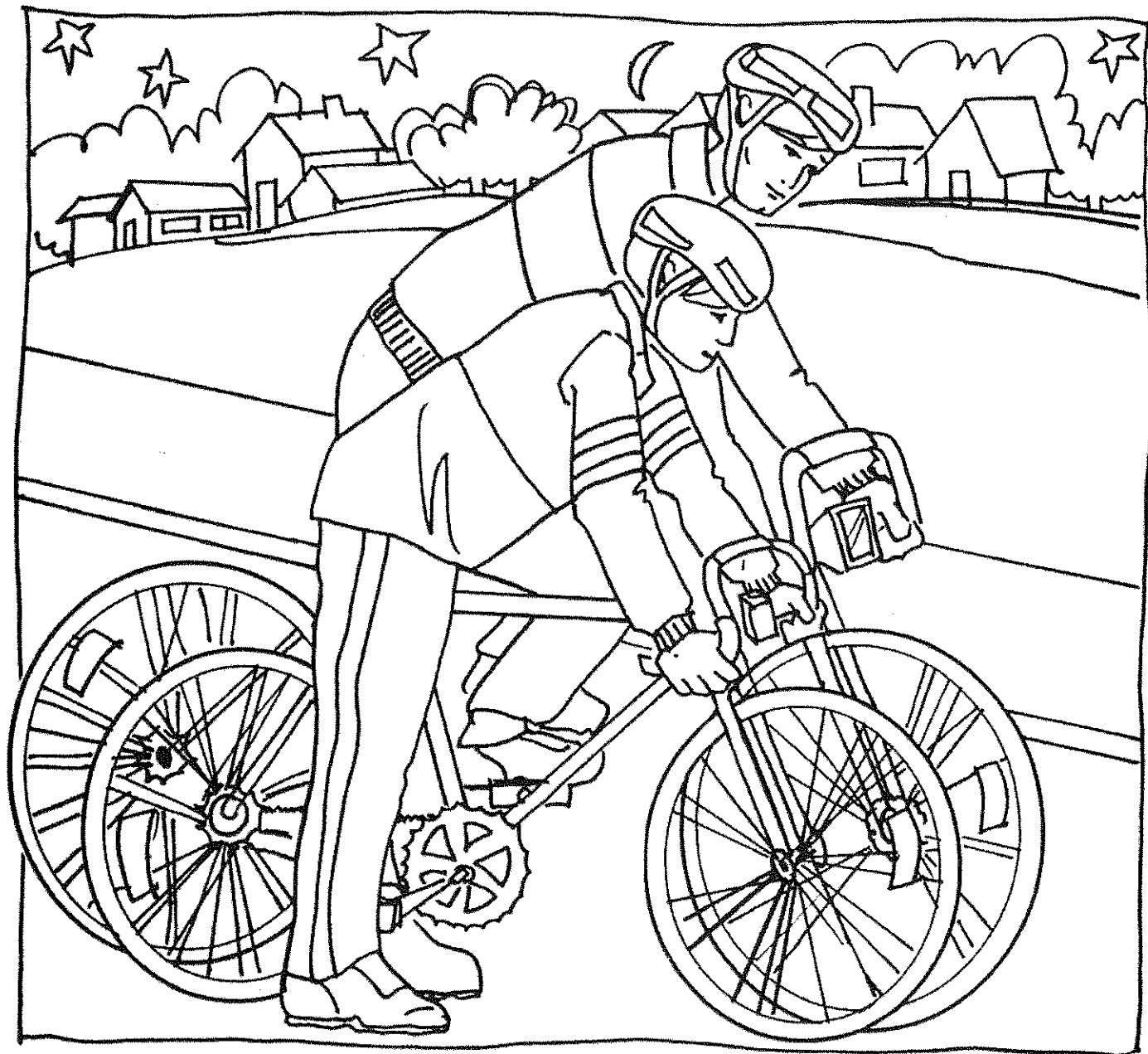
Always wear a helmet!



1. Make sure your straps are snug and fastened.
2. Never use a helmet with cracks or damage.
3. Never use a helmet that has been in a crash.
4. Grown-ups should wear a helmet, too.

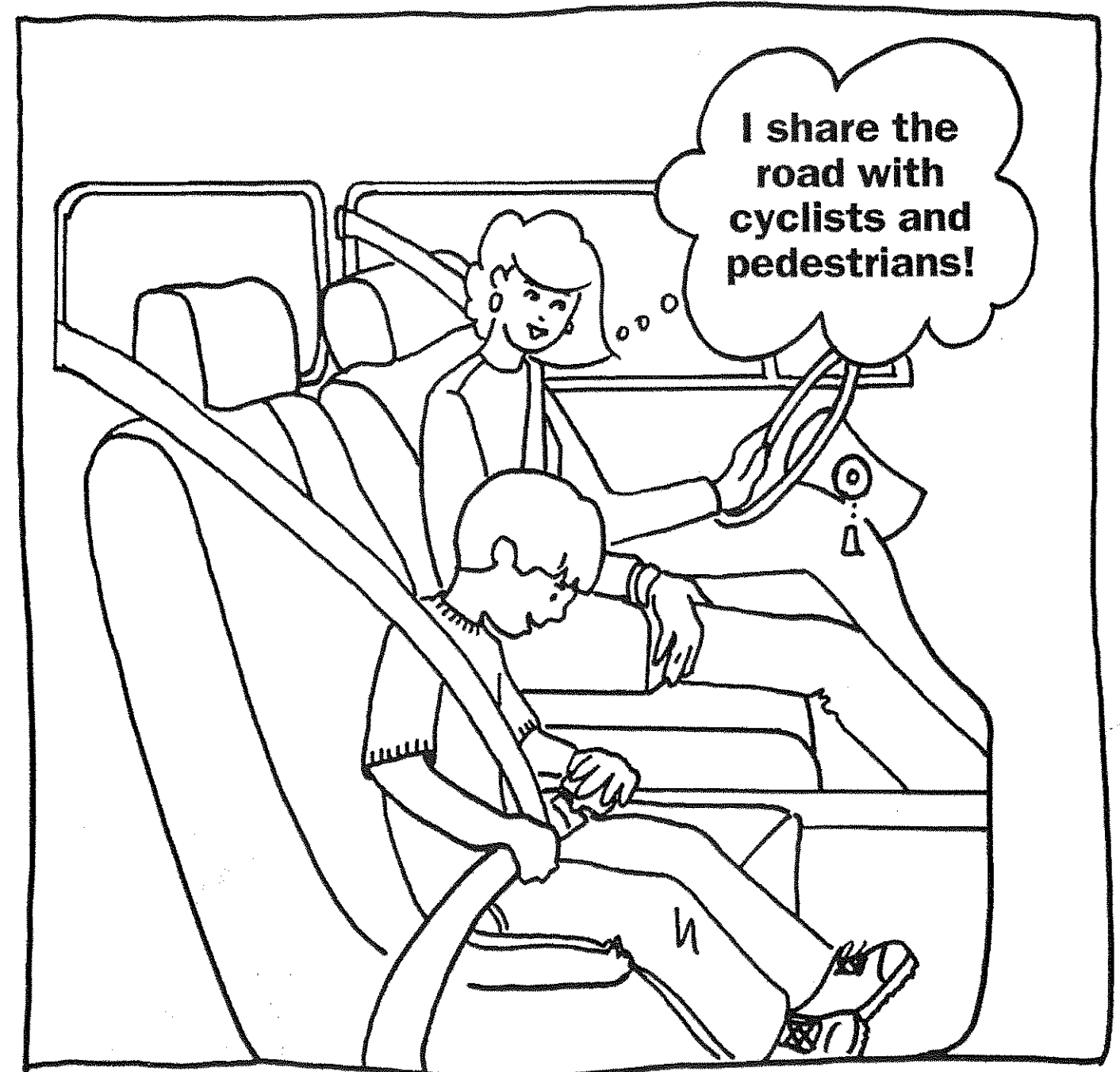
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Wear bright or reflective clothing.



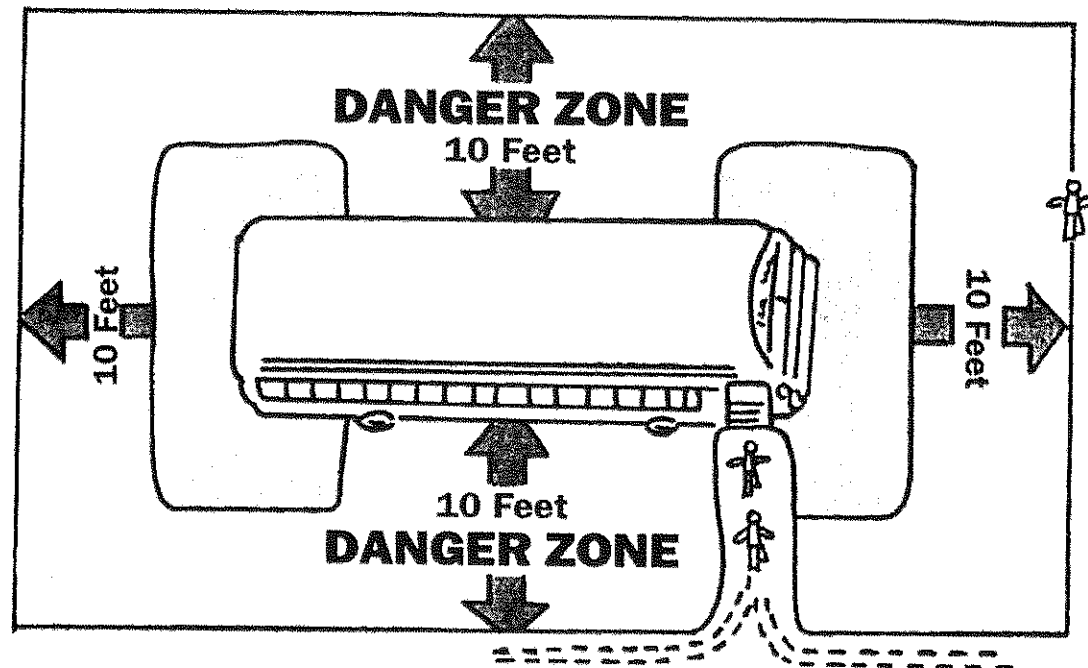
10 Never bike at night. Always wear light colored clothing so it is easier for others to see you. Grown-ups who bike at night should use a light.

Buckle up and drive safely.

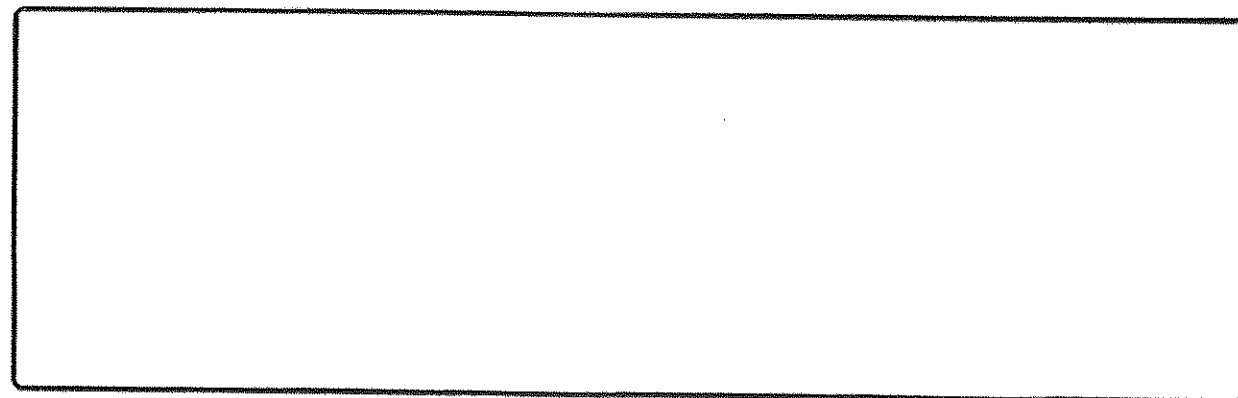


Always buckle your seat belt and make sure everyone has their seat belt buckled too!

Bus Danger Zones

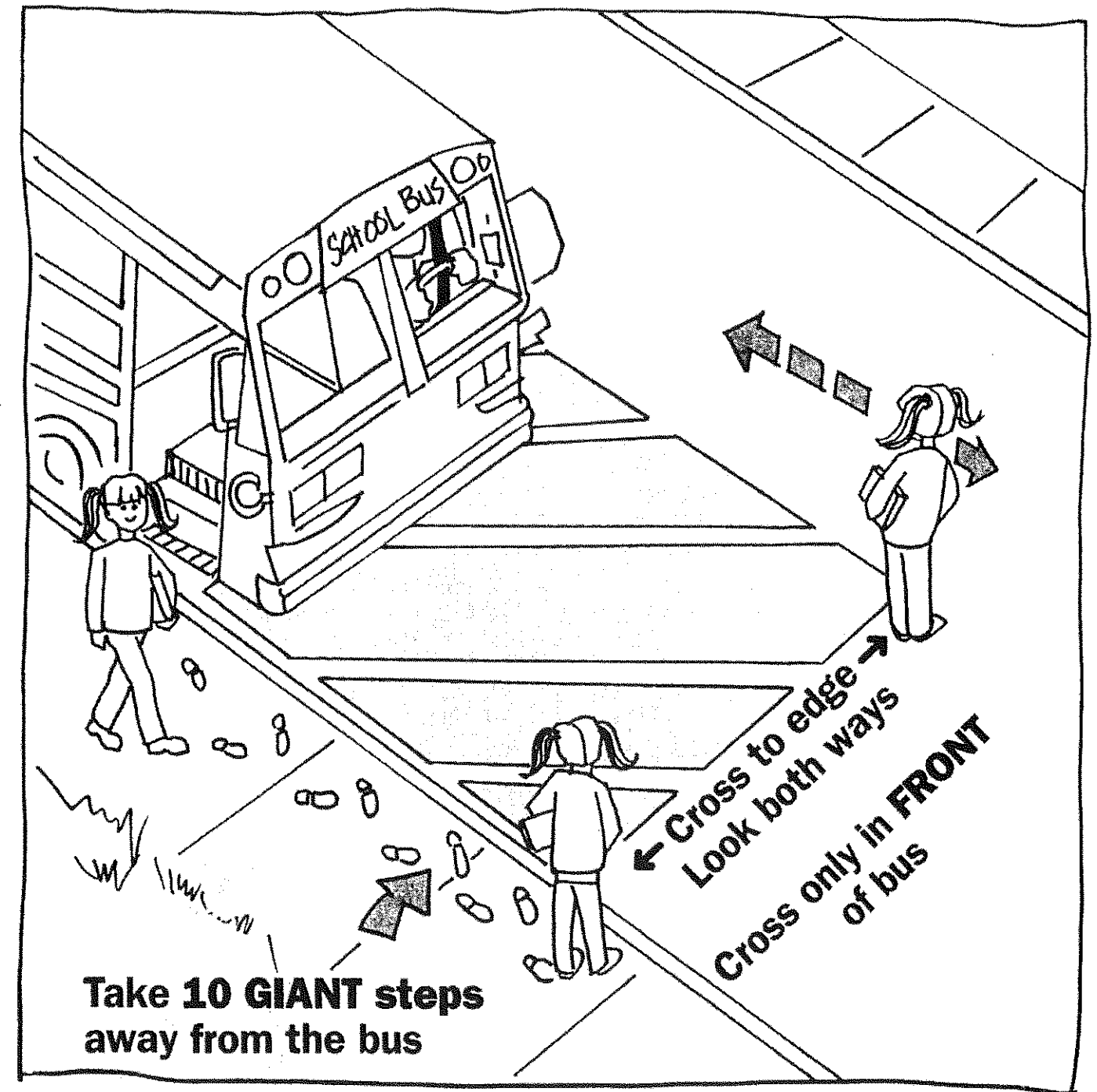


1. When you get off the bus, take **10 GIANT steps** away from the bus. Stop, listen, look left, right and left again.
2. Take **10 more GIANT steps** away from the bus and look for cars coming.
3. Cars should always **STOP** for the school bus.
4. Cross the street only in **FRONT** of the bus.



Draw the safe way you walk home when getting off your school bus. If you walk or bike to school, draw your route, too!

Getting off the bus.



Walk or bike as a family outing.



Walking or biking as a family is a great way to include exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle.

14 Be sure all family members understand and follow the pedestrian and bicycle safety rules.

Things to do with grown-ups

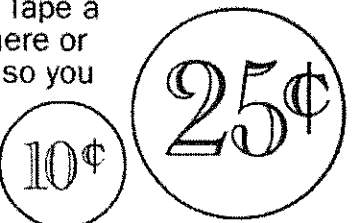
1. Go to a busy street corner. Watch the traffic for a few minutes. How easy is it to predict where the vehicles or bicycles will go? Watch the car drivers. Do they look left, right, and left again? Close your eyes. Can you tell where traffic is coming from by listening? What else do you hear?
2. Go to a busy street corner with 4 stop signs. Watch traffic for a few minutes. Ask the grown-up to explain the traffic rule about yielding the right-of-way.
3. The law in your state may require that all bicyclists and inline skaters under a certain age wear helmets. Find out what the laws are in your community.
4. Be sure you know the meaning of these big words; transportation, reflective, predictable, yield.
5. Pick a place that you would like to visit. Figure out how many different ways you can get there. For example, is there more than one route you could take? Could you ride your bike? Could you walk and take a bus, then walk? Could you ride with a grown-up in a car to a train station and then take the train?
6. Write a letter to a grown-up, or make a list of safety tips for them.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HOME _____
 MOM _____
 DAD _____
 SCHOOL _____
 FRIEND _____
 EMERGENCY NO. _____

Here's a secret — Tape a quarter and dime here or inside your helmet so you can call for help if it gets dark.

OTHER NUMBERS:



Bicycle Serial No. _____

CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

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Certificate of Membership

_____ has read the *Getting There Safely* book and pledges to always honor and practice the Safety Rules.

Signature

Signature

I promise to know and obey all the "Getting There Safely" rules.

1. Wear my helmet.
2. Obey signs and signals.
3. Ride on the right.
4. Look left, look right and left again.
Watch for pedestrians and cars.
5. Use hand signals.
6. Obey bus danger zones.
7. Buckle up.
8. Always have good manners.

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Name _____